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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, OSA
Comptroller, OSA
D/R&D/OSA
D/OPS/OSA
D/M/OSA

SUBJECT: FY 1969 IDEALIST Budget Forecast

1. The time for submission of a detailed revised FY 69 budget to the NRO is in the offing.

2. The advent of the U-2R being comingled with the U-2C's presents an increased budgetary requirement over the six or seven aircraft assigned during FY 67 and 68.

3. It can be envisioned that there may be changing or varied maintenance concepts, operational use of the U-2R or deployment probabilities and a question of continued flight tests might arise. These subjects must be clarified in detail prior to requesting inputs from contractors.

4. It is planned to request contractor budget forecast in the immediate future and the message requesting these forecasts will include a detailed operational, maintenance or test concept.

5. Request D/M submit to BPD a concept of maintenance for the IDEALIST program to include number's of maintenance crews, number's of persons per crew, supply and support personnel required, etc. so that Lockheed and allied contractors can be requested to submit budgetary estimates.

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6. Request D/Ops submit to BPD an operational concept for the FY 69 period to include forecast hours to be flown, the number of airplane months deployed and a forecast number of deployments for FY 69.

7. Request D/R&D submit to BPD a plan for follow-on test of the U-2R if required. Request this forecast include concept of either specific test airplane or present concept wherein the handiest aircraft available is used for a test project.

25X1 8. Reference is made to [] 24 August; and [] 17 April; which may be used as guidelines to this submission, but it should be emphasized that there is no set format for this submission; rather, the objective is to include as much information as possible so that BPD will have knowledge of the concept to submit to the contractors. 25X1

9. New procurement items such as cameras, electronics, etc. should be identified at this point if possible so that they can be included in an addendum to the budget.

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